



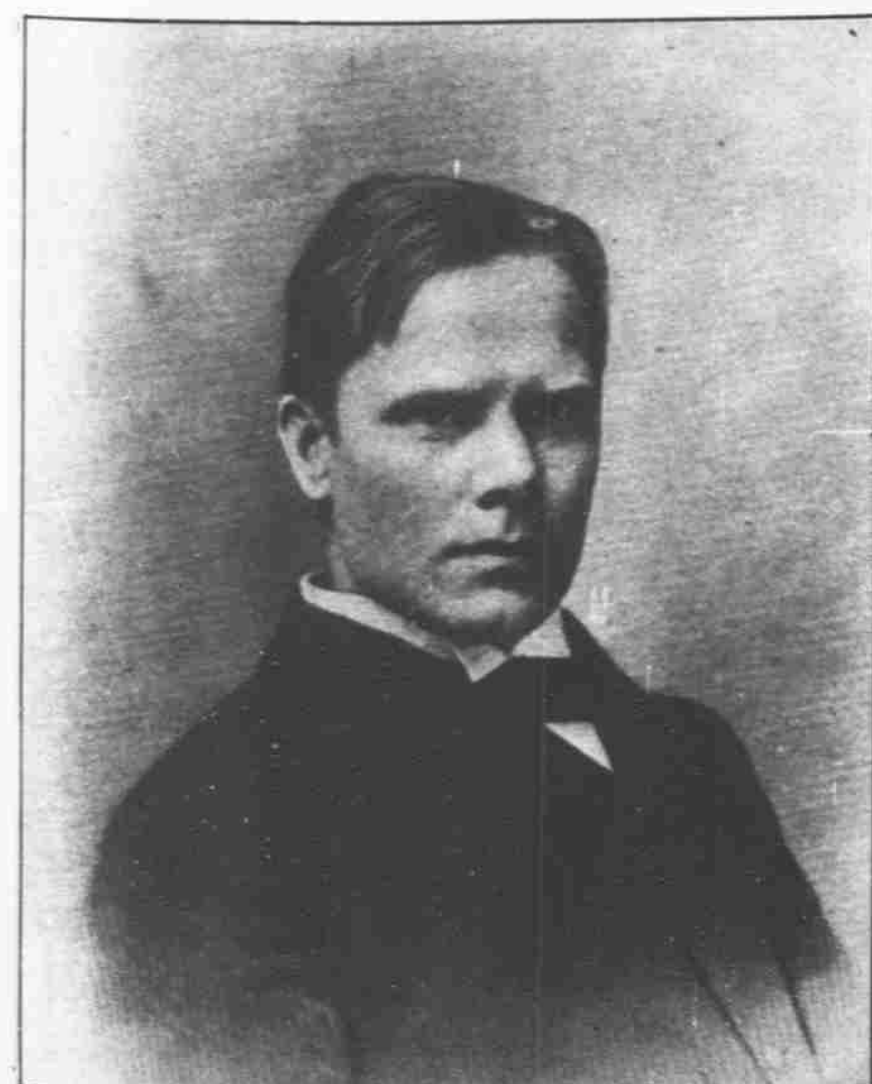
HON. WILLIAM R. O'TOOLE

Member of the City Council from the old Thirtieth Ward, where he stands ace high with all of his constituents, and many of them and his numerous friends in other parts of the city, are willing to go the limit with him in his race for one of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago. Alderman O'Toole takes pleasure in wishing all his friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHICAGO.

Mr. Ernest H. Williamson, the Progressive South side Undertaker, located at 5121 and 5123 South State street, phone recorded 9555, has added much credit to the Negro business world of Chicago. His place has become the up-to-date undertaking establishment of Chicago, with his commodious chapel for funerals, and his excellent garage in the rear is the finest equipped in the city. His livery is up-to-date in every respect, his employees are courteous, and trustworthy. Every thing is done to serve the public, and save the worry and soften the sorrows of friends of deceased people. The display rooms contain everything needed for first class funerals. He maintains a Gasoline and oil station for the accommodation of his patrons, and the place is open day and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hudlun, 4503 S. Wabash avenue, will be at home to their many friends during the Holiday season. For a number of years Mr. Hudlun has had charge of the Board of Trade Building and its head officials think the world of him.



HON. WILLIAM SULZER

Ex-Member of Congress from the Tenth Congressional District of New York, where he faithfully served his constituents for twenty years and left a brilliant congressional record behind him, which can never be surpassed; ex-Governor of the Empire State and one of the very warmest friends of long standing of the editor of this paper.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY WILL HOLD EPOCH-MAKING CONVENTION.

HON. WM. H. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT PUBLIC SESSION.

"LEADERSHIP," GENERAL THEME OF OPEN SESSION.

Special Correspondent to The Broad Ax
BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md.—What promises to be one of the most important meetings in the history of Negro College life will be held at Baltimore, Maryland, by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity when it meets in Annual Convention during the days, December 27th to 31st, 1921, inclusive. With something over 2,500 graduate and undergraduate members of the leading American colleges and universities, over 500 of whom will come as representatives from the thirty-six chapters located throughout the United States, every indication assures a meeting which will mark an epoch both in Negro college fraternity life and in the history of the Negro youth in the American colleges.

PILGRIMAGE TO DOUGLASS HOME SIGNIFICANT EVENT

One of the unique steps forward to be made by the Alpha Phi Alpha will be the pilgrimage to the home of Frederick Douglass, in Anacostia, D. C., on December 28th the second day of the convention. Unusual interest has been evinced in the pilgrimage as it is the first time in history that an event of this kind has been held with a Negro as the historical character to be honored. Upon this occasion, Dean George W. Cook, of Howard University, a personal friend of Mr. Douglass, will make an address. Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, President of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association; Miss Nannie H. Burroughs; Mrs. Lelia Pendleton, and others of the Association will act as hostesses. "The pilgrimage," National President, Simeon S. Booker, of Baltimore, says, "marks an epoch in the history of Negro life in America and it indicates a new day. It is an unusual event for it is the first time that a group of college men have ever paid honor to one of our statesmen. This one event will inspire hundreds of boys and girls to read the life of this distinguished Marylander, and it will also call to the attention and focus the interest of fourteen million American citizens upon the Seer, Orator, and Statesman, Frederick Douglass."

Reduced Rate Assure Record Attendance

According to the National Secretary, Norman L. McGhee, of Washington, D. C., assurances have come not only from the 700 or more members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity residing in the nearby cities, Boston, Providence, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Wilmington, Norfolk, Richmond, and Washington, but from the nearly 2,000 other members throughout the United States, giving evidence that they will be present at the 14th Annual Convention of the Fraternity. This is especially to be expected in view of the fact that the Chairmen of the Railroad Passenger Associations of the country have granted a reduction of one and one-half fare on the certificate plan to the members of the Fraternity and their families attending the convention at Baltimore. Many of the Fraternity men plan to bring members of their families with them as the period over which the reduced rate extends allows ample time for a visit both to Baltimore and to Washington, the National Capital.

Numerous Social Events Planned

Of the various social events to be held during the period the convention is in session at Baltimore, the official program of the Fraternity includes a smoker and symposium to be held at the Y. M. C. A., the evening of the opening day; Tuesday, when the delegates go to Washington for the pilgrimage, the Beta Chapter will give an informal dance at the Dunbar High School; and on Friday evening the annual formal dance will be given at St. Mary's Hall, Baltimore; and on Saturday evening, December 31st, 1921, the closing event of the convention will be the annual Fraternity banquet to be given at the Druid Hill Avenue, Branch Y. M. C. A.

HON. WILLIAM H. LEWIS TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SESSION

A most important feature of the convention will be the Public Session to be held in Baltimore in the Sharon Baptist Church, Thursday evening.

CHARLES E. STUMP, THE REGULAR OLD-TIME TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE BROAD AX, VISITED TEMPLE, TEXAS, THE PAST WEEK, WHERE HE WAS FORCED TO DRAW IN HIS NORTHERN HORNS.

Temple Texas.—People as just planning to live, and that is as it should be. This time one year ago there were people looking into Christmas, saw it, and then passed on to never return again, and there are others now looking forward to that day and will never see it, and just who they are I do not know. I may be in that number myself, but if I should I will say that I have tried to do the best I can and whether that was little or much it was the best I could do.

I have tried to live close to the throne, although at times things have transacted which have brought into my religious life cuss words, and if I have thought them I have asked God to forgive me and have tried to avoid them the next time. But who has not thought hades, damn and all them other kindred words when they have picked up a newspaper and read where men have been barbecued, but not eaten, when men have been hanged without a trial by judge or jury, been executed by a lawless mob before given a chance for life. Law has been tramped under feet by a race claiming to be superior race, a race that makes he laws, who construes the laws, keeps the jails and other places of confinement, yet they will batter down the jail doors, take out a helpless man, who has no chance to defend himself, and riddle his body with bullets, and then burn the lifeless form. What do you call this? I would like for some scholar of the first order to tell me.

A man who declares that he must rule, because he is white, but believe me with sin, with lawlessness practice, he must some day go down, for justice and injustice cannot rule on the same thorne without a clash, and in that clash, I fear my white brother will find his star going down. He must either obey law or destroy his institutions—I should have said our institution, for while I am at times helpless before the bar of justice, while my rights as a man are trampled under feet, yet I am unwilling to give up.

No prescription, no discrimination, no segregation, shall wreck my manhood. It matters not where I may be, where I may ride on the prescribed trains, what kind of box car they may force me to ride, in a box car, but still there will be a man in a box car. I think the time is now that we should step as much of this race foolishness and get down to business. Merit alone should win. But there are people who do not care for merit, they are dwarf in manhood, for they depend on their color to carry them thru, and if they fall down on color, then there is nothing left. "I should be the Lord of creation because I am a white man."

It may go today and he may get by with it, but tomorrow genuine merit and manhood will demand the toll, and he will be blank. The time is coming when brains will rule America, and the man with brains will not be asked about his color or his ancestors. We are going to have in authority in this country some day more men and less pigmies. You need not believe me unless you want to do so, but you will find that I am about right.

The year is drawing to an end, and you will find it out. I have been looking around and here and there some of my friends have dropped out, yet I am still here, but how much longer I do not know. I have been almost to the crossing over place, but decided to remain right here just a little longer. I may have been wrong in some of my actions, and some of the things that I said and done, I am sure the Lord will forgive me. If you had seen some of the actions I have seen I think you would have been the most

cussingest man in the world,—in fact you would have cuttused the cusser, and thought nothing of it.

When I wrote to you last I was in a city in Texas called Athens, and there I was enjoying myself to the highest. I was present when Bishop William Decker Johnson and his wife celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary, and it was just all right honey. I was glad to be present at that great event. I tell you, it is a good man and a good woman who can live together as husband and wife for thirty years and still remain as loving as before they got married. This is the case with Bishop Johnson and his wife. They are both doing some real good work in Texas. Mrs. Johnson is a woman whose life inspires women of her race.

I am so proud of Mrs. William Decker Johnson, and her ability as a leader of women and an inspiration to the young girls who are doing things, and who are making it to the front and top. She covers all the conference with Bishop Johnson, and talks to the women and girls. Now this is as it should be, take interest in the young womanhood. This world is a world and there will be another.

The men here are getting ready for the big show or in other words for the general conference which meets in Louisville, Ky., I think. Of course this has not been settled, but that is a good place, and a place where such a meeting can be held and the men will have all the freedom they desire, and all they would need. I think it will be a great thing to meet there, and when they get there do a few things.

Dr. B. F. Watson, has rendered a great service to his church, and they should retire him now on a pension, for he is at the age where he should not have any worry about anything.

Then bring to that place Dr. S. J. Johnson, of Texas, a well trained business minister, one who believes in the extension of the church and would fill the position well. Dr. Johnson, is modest, yet he is cultured, well educated. The same is true with others in the world, but there is a young man who has won his place upward, and merit should count.

I have been with some of the men in Texas who feel that the Lord could make good use of them in the episcopacy, and they are not ashamed to let the wishes of the Lord be known. In this number there is that great preacher—in fact all are great preachers and could fill the place. I will then mention, Rev. S. B. Butler, of Austin, the man who has passed through hades itself for his church, and who is still fighting to maintain the dignity of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church in Austin, and when he has won out, then he will want to be a real bishop. These are facts that must be fought out, and will be brought to the front from time to time.

Well I have had the pleasure of meeting that ripe scholar, the commissioner of education for the African Methodist Episcopal church, Prof. A. S. Jackson, of Waco, Texas, who has been over in Europe and there he held up the good name of our people there. He is doing a great big work, and then he is a man of wealth, a man of means. I am real proud of Prof. Jackson, and I am sure you will be. I have about said enough for this time.

I shall have more to say in my next letter. I have not mentioned Rev. H. A. Carr. I am going to receive my Christmas presents at 5922 Aberdeen street, Chicago. I am headed that way now, but my next letter will be from Jefferson City, Mo.

CHARLES E. STUMP.

Baltimore Will Entertain Royally

Dr. J. H. Hilburn, President of the Delta-Lambda Chapter which will be the host of the convention, has assured the National officers of the Fraternity that the City of Baltimore is ready to extend a most cordial welcome to the members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity upon their arrival and will spare no effort in seeing to their comfort during their stay. The headquarters of the 14th Annual Convention will be at 1619 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, Md.



HON. ROBERT J. ROULSTON

Vice-President of the Wholesale Grocers Corporation, 251 to 315 E. Grand Avenue, being a merger of the Durand & Casper Co., McNeil & Higgins Co., and Henry Horner & Co., being the largest concern of that kind in the world, being capitalized for more than seven million dollars and transacting more than thirty million dollars' worth of business each year.

As a high class business man Mr. Roulston ranks with the best in this city. In the past he has served, as a member of the Public Library Board, it was through his efforts that the new Kelly Public Library Building, which is one of the finest in the city was constructed in the Englewood district.

Mr. Roulston has for many years been active in Democratic politics. He supported Hon. Woodrow Wilson for president of the United States in 1912, and President Wilson offered to appoint him postmaster at Chicago, but he firmly waved it aside. Many of the loyal and influential friends of Mr. Roulston, are urging him, to enter the field or race for Mayor of Chicago, in 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Roulston and the other members of their family, reside in a cozy home at 436 W. 61st Place next door to Hon. and Mrs. Charles S. Deneen, who are all warm friends.

Since the first day of October 1899, down to the present time, The Broad Ax, once each week, wends its way into their home.

SINGING THE BLUES.

Recently we have become imbued with the thought that the singing of the blues and the howling of the dog are in the same class. We have some feelings of gravity on the situation. No one is quite so down cast, or pitiable as the gruesome moan would portray. People do not have much sympathy for a howling dog and you may be assured they have less for a woman or man howling the condemned ignorance they should be alert in hiding from the public.

The howling dog gives one to feel that he is greatly distressed and he howls because he cannot cry. It is unfortunate for us that we have an element among us that treasure up the ignorance which must pacify the soul by gyrations of the shimmy and the blues and jazz rags of music which all harks back to the jungle.

Ended His Life at Fort Worth, Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Fred Rouse, Negro strikebreaker was taken hastily from the County Hospital, where he was under treatment for wounds received in a local stockyards brawl, placed in an automobile and hanged to a tree. Rouse had infuriated the Texans because he is alleged to have shot and wounded two union picketers. The mob did swift work, for within fifteen minutes after binding the attending nurse, and taking their victim away, the police found his body. "No traces were left by which the lynchers could be identified." But if the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill were law, at least the man's family or dependent parents would receive \$10,000. It is reported that the Bill will be rushed to a vote before Christmas though there was no inkling of it in President Harding's message to Congress.



HON. MILES J. DEVINE

Ex-City Attorney of Chicago, one of the most eminent trial lawyers in this city, who stands in the highest estimation of all the people in this city and county. He has no superior as an eloquent orator. And Mr. Devine would make an ideal candidate for judge of the